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RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The Examiner is thanked for the careful examination of the application.

Claims 1, 2, 9, 10, 15-18, 21, 22, and 31 have been rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness type double patenting as allegedly being unpatentable over claims 1-6 of U.S. Patent No. 6,245,396. In view of this rejection, a Terminal Disclaimer for U.S. Patent No. 6,245,396 is submitted herewith.

Claims 3, 4, 11, 12 and 19 have been rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness type double patenting as allegedly being unpatentable over claims 1-6 of U.S. Patent No. 6,245,396, in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,792,378. The filing of the above-mentioned Terminal Disclaimer renders this rejection moot.